and the device did not show any saving of LPG. The Expert Group comprising members from Deptt, of Scientific and Industrial Research under the Ministry of Science & Technology, Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, LPG Equipment Research Centre, Bangalore, National Research and Development Centre, Delhi and Pertoleum Conservation Research Association opined that the test procedure followed by Central Fuel Research Institute was not a standard one as specified for such devices.

Crude Oil Production

† 3946. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets for increasing the refining capacity of crude oil alongwith the production of crude oil in the country during the coming years;

(b) if so, the details of the targets; and

(c) the details of the targets of refining capacity as well as production of crude oil in the country by the end of the year 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The refining capacity of 112.54 MMTPA at the beginning of this year is likely to increase to 114.67 MMTPA by the end of this year. The refining capacity is estimated to increase further to meet the growing demand of petroleum products during the Xth plan period.

Since the refining sector is delicensed, it is difficult to estimate the installed capacity by the end of year 2007.

The target for crude oil production during 2001 -02 is 32.32 million metric tonnes (MMT). As per the projections of the Xth Plan, which is yet to be finalized, the total crude oil production in 2006-07 is expected to be 33.91 MMT.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.